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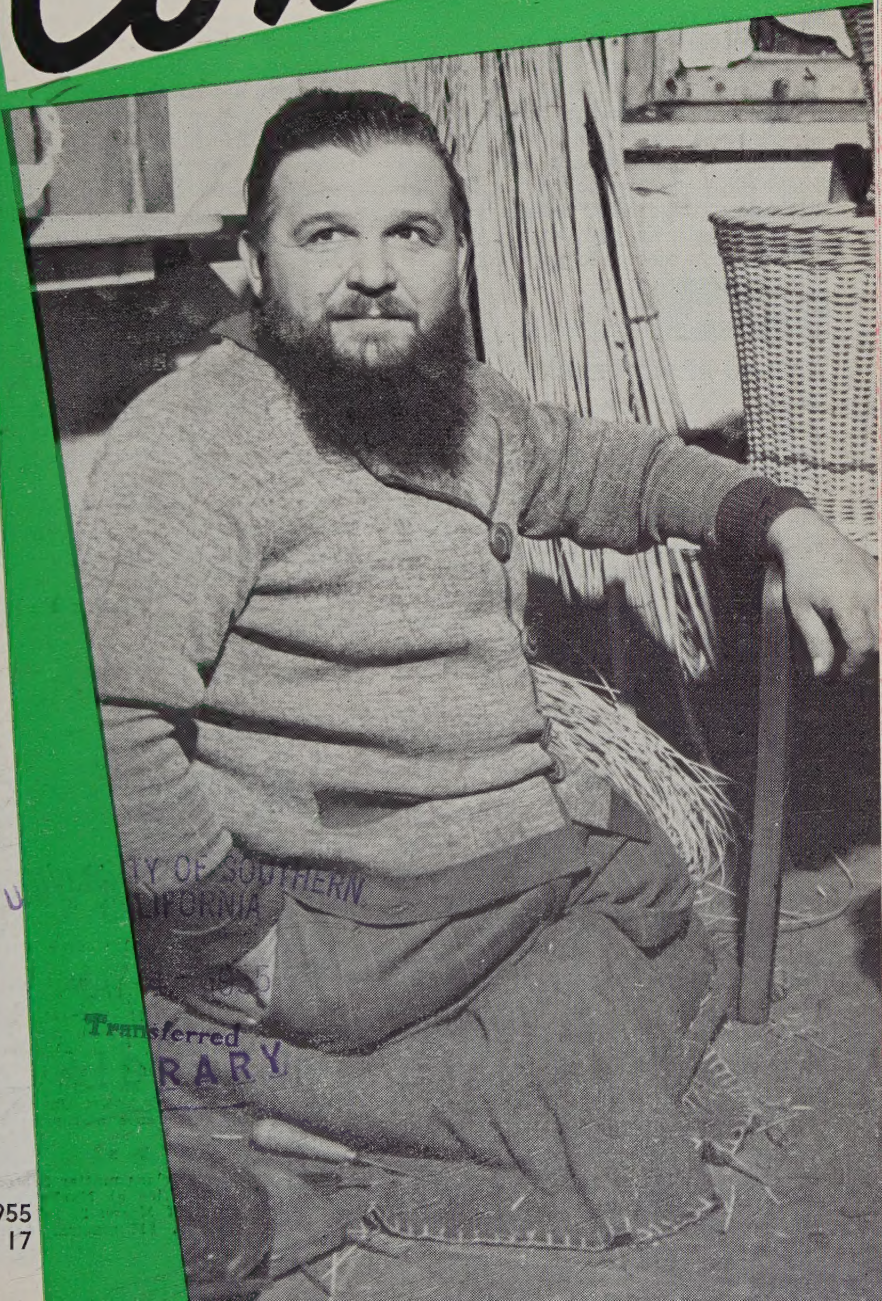

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Cover Photo

How do you help a fellow who has no legs? A war casualty, captured by the enemy and put in a P.O.W. camp. What do you do to help?

Give him a dime for a cup of coffee? Maybe, but that really isn't much help. That is just an excuse you make for yourself. Perhaps the Christian thing to do is help the fellow help himself.

That is what happened to CONCERN's cover man. He is Dusan Gaksic of Yugoslavia. It was the World Council of Churches who came to his aid. In a World Council self-help project near Bielefeld, Germany, he teaches the skill of basketry and chair caning which he learned in his hospital days. For more about this project, see page 7.

Forum

A WORD ABOUT PEACE

Sirs:

As days of Lent progressed toward Easter, we were reminded once again of the contrast between the world of organized violence and the Kingdom of our Lord, Prince of Peace; his Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace, to which Methodism is committed. Again we share with you our immediate concern for the peaceful solution of current disputes and for the strengthening of the United Nations as a means toward this end.

Creating the foundations for world order and world peace is basically a moral and spiritual responsibility. Co-existence between peoples of different ideologies, and the continuing successful operation of an accepted *modus vivendi*, would be possible *now* if mankind had the faith to overcome its fears and boldly to rid itself of mistrust. Nations then could effect, through peaceful change, solutions to problems now involving conflict.

This season is a good time to meditate, pray and to support good things for mankind. The United Nations, taken from any point of view, is a genuine success. The United Nations' Children's Fund and its program are effectively meeting the needs of hundreds of millions of children, but there are nine hundred million in the world needing help.

The church during these months o The Crusade for World Order has bee making a new emphasis and creating more widespread understanding of th spiritual powers available to us i meeting the world problems which de lay the coming of peace. Even if ther had been no Crusade, our church woul have been engaged through thes months in efforts to contribute towar the support of specific solutions t problems which beset our world.

In some way, by some means, may w who seek a peaceful world order ente into the agony of the world. Million of men still stumble through the har places of life with little comfort o reward. Millions of children are doom ed to die each year—until the spiri of Christ appearing through the pos sibilities made real by science, an available by good will, become effectiv at the points of vital need. May Go in these hours inspire us, lead us, an grant us wisdom to guide our peopl into useful channels of consecratio and service, to bring joy to the par ticipants, comfort to the suffering, con solation to the sorrowful, and justice and peace to mankind.

May our devotions awaken in u noble ideas and strengthen us in sacri ficial service and Christian action fo His Kingdom's sake.

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MYF:

This is for you. It's about money and Christian service. They're closely connected in this particular case, so don't read this unless you're interested in giving both.

What would you say if someone told you that there is a wonderful opportunity to alleviate human suffering and need around the world without leaving home? How would you react to a chance to educate some boy or girl who would never learn to read and write otherwise? Would you like to help take the gospel to the ends of the earth?

If your answer to those challenges is a shrug of the shoulders, this isn't much of a letter or you're not much of a Christian. Maybe it's both, do you suppose?

For many years Methodist young people have had a chance to alleviate suffering, to pay for education in a Christian school of Indians, Chinese, Africans, or Americans through the Methodist Youth Fund. In all of those years the response of these young people has been a very small percentage of what they spend on movies and cokes put to work where it could do some lasting good.

Let's make this year different. Get your MYF to answer these questions:

(1) Is our pledge to the MY Fund paid up to date?
(2) Is our group aiming at paying our pledge in full by April 30 so that the money will be included on this year's MY Fund records, which close May 31? Will the money be sent immediately to the treasurer of the annual conference?
(3) Is everyone in our MYF really doing all he or she can?
(4) With a knowledge that our MY Fund is our opportunity of serving Christ near home and around the world, can't we do more than we are?

Accept the challenge, Christian. Get your group to send their MY Fund offering to your conference treasurer next Sunday.

Dick Thompson
Richard Thompson
President

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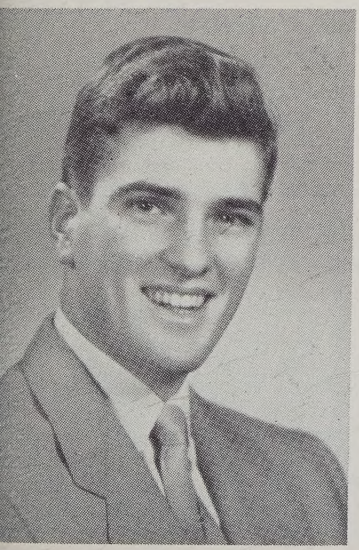


House gets bill to ban liquor ads

A bill (H.R. 4627) to ban interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Eugene Siler, Republican from Kentucky.

Designed as a companion bill to a similar measure sponsored in the Senate by Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) the House version specifically extends the ban to broadcasts by television stations.

In conjunction with the introduction of the bill, Rep. Siler asked his colleagues to "help enact pending legislation for banning 'booze' advertising from the American home" and called attention to the "necessity of having appropriate restrictions upon the alcoholic persuasions of the whiskey, wine and beer visitors that may come into the American home through modern advertising media."

The Siler measure, similar to the Bryson and Langer bills of the last Congress, has been referred to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Because committee members are now busy with current National Gas Act hearings, it is not expected that action will be taken on the Siler Bill before the latter part of April.

Langer Bill Referred

A Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee aide reports that the Langer Bill has been referred to various government agencies for comment and that any further action will await those reports. Senator Langer has asked that his bill be amended to cut out the entire Sec. 3, which removes a major road block according to some observers. The section would have made it illegal for any carrier to transport liquor advertising across state boundries.

Indications are that the Senate will hold hearings on the Langer measure sometime in 1955. And it is fairly certain that the House will consider the alcohol advertising problem again this year in one form or another. The House Committee has yet to consider reports it requested from brewers and radio and TV officials following the extensive Bryson Bill hearings of last fall.

NEWS

Japan workers face problems of their youth

Youth in Japan find that, like American youth, they must cope with problems of religion in relation to everyday life.

Fifty youth workers from four denominations and seven student associations met recently under the auspices of the youth department of the National Christian Council of Japan to discuss some of the problems and what could be done about them. The counselors discussed the problems of three different groups of young persons—high school youth, college students, and youth in business.

Their conclusions about each group:

Youth in high schools are troubled by the practice in some Christian schools of enforced church attendance and even in some cases pressure to become baptized. Such practices may have a long range adverse effect, since many of the students refuse to go to church when they finish school. Another difficulty is that students are under such pressure to prepare for college entrance examinations they do not have time for church and other extra-curricular activities.

Students Seek Concern

College students of the highest caliber often are not attracted to Christianity because of an apparent lack of social concern on the part of churches. On the other hand, idealistic Christian youth have a tendency to lose their interest in politics when they find no corresponding idealism among political leaders.

Youth in business are aware of the difficulty of living as Christians in the non-Christian secular culture of Japan. Shopworkers are not excused from work to attend church on Sunday; office workers find it difficult to apply Christian ethics under non-Christian supervisors. In both labor unions and offices, the temptation is for Christians to draw together in exclusive fellow-

ship groups, instead of penetrating and permeating difficult environments.

The workers, most of them responsible for evangelism among persons, decided there is an important need to present an integrated Christian message that would touch youth in their immediate problems. They agreed there is a broad potential field for evangelism among youth, but that those available as youth workers are too few and often poorly prepared.

Newspaper evangelism effective in Japan

One of the most unique and successful Christian missionary activities in all is the "Newspaper and Correspondence Evangelism" carried on from the City of Fukuoka by representatives of several mission boards and Japanese churches. Beginning with "advertisements" in the local newspapers, the service now goes out also via the radio and other audio-visual channels.

Offers are made—in newspaper paid space, via radio, etc. — for people to write in to the evangelistic center for Scriptures, Christian literature, and answers to their personal and religious problems. They are also invited to pay 200 yen ($6) per annum to borrow books from the center's library. Today, there are more than 500 paying inquirers. In addition, more than 100 have been baptized or are under instruction preparing for baptism.

All inquirers are sought out by Christian ministers or laymen, and all are encouraged to attend and affiliate with some Christian church.

Argentine youth camp ends successful summer

The Methodist Youth Camp at Oliveros, in central Argentina, is just beginning its second year of use, with a full program of summer activities held during the summer months of January through March. The camp has been a major force in the spiritual growth of several alert MYF'ers.

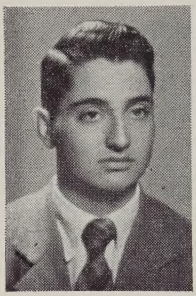
Jean Galbraith, for one, is a member of the First Methodist Church of Rosario, Argentina, a small English speaking congregation in the midst of a Spanish-speaking community. As an active member of the youth council of the Central District, she was in on the development of the Oliveros Camp from the beginning. The first summer after the camp's inception, in 1954, she attended five camps in one capacity or another: as an enrolled camper, as a visitor, or as a member of the leadership team. As a result of the final youth camp of the summer, Jean made a last-minute change in plans for her schooling in the fall and enrolled in the Union Theological Seminary of Buenos Aires for the one-year training course offered there for lay persons. There, in the working of the Spirit, one thing led to another, and Jean is now looking forward to Christian service as the wife of one of the young ministers she

Miss Galbraith

Rev. Horacio Gualdieri, president of the camp commission, and Jane Miller, LA-3 missionary stand in the gate of the estate which is being converted into a camp for the Methodist youth of Argentina.

met at the seminary. This year she is back in her home church, helping to open up a new evangelistic work in Spanish being organized by this English-speaking congregation.

Jose Alberto Tocco, from La Paz Church, Rosario, is another youth whose life has been greatly influenced through the camping program. One of his first trips to Oliveros was as a leader for a gang of intermediate boys, only slightly younger than he. They were from his neighborhood, had had practically no contact with the church. Almost every time since the camp has opened its gates, Jose Alberto has been on hand—first as just another camper, later on as a leader and as a youth representative on the directing committee of the camp. After attending camp for youth leaders, he preached his first sermon in his home church, where the youth often occupy the pulpit. This year he will be president of his local Fellowship.



Tocco

Up to now, Jose Alberto plans to serve as a Christian layman. He has recently completed his secondary studies and wants to specialize in architecture.

Jean and Jose Alberto are but two of the youth who have grown through the work of the Oliveros camp, first permanent center of its kind to belong to the Methodist churches in Argentina. In the first camps of the new season youth have come not only from the region near Rosario, but from distant points such as Cordoba in the west and Concordia in the northeast of the country. Some of these youth, too, have found answers to their spiritual problems and made new decisions for Christ in these camps.

Money designated from bishops' Korean appeal

Of the $1,600,000 raised by the Methodist churches in response to the Bishops' Appeal for Korea, about $500,000 is being allotted by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief for direct aid to the Korean people, Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York, national chairman of MCOR, announced this week. Of this amount, $33,000 has already been designated and the rest will be distributed as requests for help are approved.

The remainder of the total fund will be spent by the Division of World Missions to rebuild Methodist churches, schools, hospitals, social centers and parsonages which were destroyed in the Korean conflict.

High on the list of current rehabilitation projects are the Methodist Layman's Loan Fund and the Widows' Sewing centers. The Loan Fund was created to help lay members of the church re-establish themselves as self-supporting businessmen and farmers. Loans, made in the amounts of $50, are used to restock a store bombed out in the war, buy tools for a carpenter's shop, obtain a plow and a bullock for a farmer. Repayments go directly back into the fund. Money for the sewing centers is used to purchase materials which enable widows to darn enough to provide housing and food for themselves and their fatherless children.

A housing project has been started in Seoul for the families of Korean Methodist preachers who were abducted by the Communists. Some of the money is going for medical aid to Korea's one million refugees and to provide limbs for civilian amputees 10,000 of whom are children. It is also being used to fight tuberculosis in the clinic at Taejon.

Australian youth meet

Late reports from Sydney, Australia, tell how 7,000 youth met in convention in January as part of The Methodist Church's "Mission to the Nation."

Delegates included many youth from Methodist mission areas in the South Pacific — and four young aborigines from Arnhem Land in Australia's northernmost parts. To open the convention, the delegates marched through Sydney's main streets to the Town Hall. Crowds were so large that the overflow met in four other auditoriums.

Speaker Alan Walker told the youth that Australia is at a great turning point in her history and needs new moral vision and spiritual power.

Where people help themselves

Augustdorf is a small village not far from Bielefeld, one of the industrial cities of Northern Germany. There is a general store at the crossroads, a school and a church. Beyond, the farms are spread out over the rolling countryside with the well kept and prosperous look, so typical where German neatness and efficiency are involved.

But Augustdorf is now known not as a farm village but as the home of one of the most exciting social experiments in Germany. Near the edge of the village stand the barracks of a refugee camp. Some 1900 people now live there, but where one expects to encounter despair he meets a smile. Where it would be natural to expect a lengthy narration of human hopelessness, a visitor is cheerfully invited to visit the workshops and see the astonishing results of creative effort.

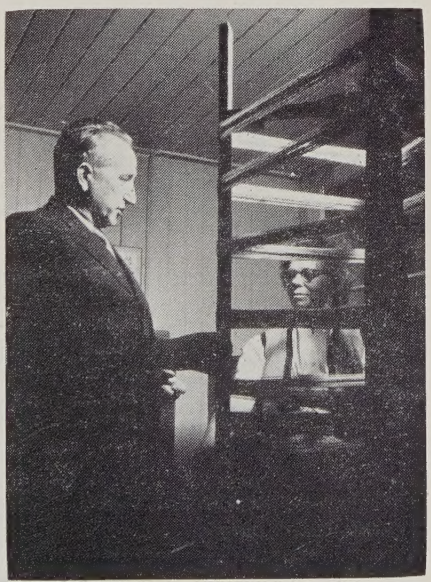
Augustdorf is the home of an experimental self-help project under the auspices of the World Council of Churches where handicapped refugees learn to help themselves.

A great problem of recent years has been how to help people who are incapable of providing for their own needs or who require special care because of their hardships. Among these are the aged and crippled, the tubercular and heart cases, the socially maladjusted or economically impovident.

Augustdorf is an effective answer to this problem. Here the basic necessities of food and shelter, clothing and fuel are provided for those unable to secure it for themselves, medical and social oversight is available, and ample training of hand and mind and spirit. About 120 refugees are employed here to minister to the needs of the 1900 inhabitants. But everyone works in this camp at some task that gives meaning to life and encouragement to go on.

It all began a short six months ago, and a miracle already has been wrought. Looms were begged, borrowed, and bought from surrounding farms. One of them bears a date of more than a century ago. A radio corporation sent a supply of damaged radios to be repaired. Six bales of clothing, plus sewing supplies were sent by Church World Service from the U.S.A., and the Evangelical and Reformed Church contributed $1600 for leather and other materials.

British army units contributed a motley collection of furniture as resources for a furniture repair project. Their wives gave a sum of money. The Bethel homes and hospitals ordered 300 sets of bed linen to be made at Augustdorf, and an American Stamp company provided materials for a project in sorting and processing stamps for collectors. Scrap leather, scrap cloth, scrap wool, all kinds of waste articles provided the raw materials for creative



Herr Gebauer was the moving spirit in starting the Augustdorf self-help project. He pauses to chat with a maker of rugs.

activity and twenty-five people hesitantly ventured on the new path. Now no day goes by without an application from someone who wants to be included. There are waiting lists for most of the projects due to limitations in materials and equipment.

Teachers for the various skills have been found among the refugees themselves. Karl Gebulke, the 73-year-old engineer and former owner of an Estonian factory that employed 250 people in building saw mill equipment, has taken on the task of converting a former stable into a furniture factory. He has built his own stove and chimney and has become chief instructor in cabinet making and furniture repair.

Two former Polish officers afflicted with T.B. are the teachers for a woodworking project by which small wood scraps are converted into tiny figures for Christmas manger scenes. The tools used were supplied by Christian youth groups in Holland. One of the officers is also perfecting a small hand loom. One is already in use on which he has taught bed patients how to weave small scarfs and mufflers.

The latest venture is the stamp project. Stamps are sent by Christian youth groups from all over the world. The Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches give the stamps from their world-wide correspondence. A group of men and women soak them off the envelopes, carefully dry them, and then sort them according to country of origin. Collections are then made and packaged for sale by an American agency. The windows of Augustdorf are opened to the world by the stamps, and a rare find among the many ordinary stamps received sets off a buzz of excitement that drives one's personal cares and worries far out of mind.

Michailow Duda is the music master of the camp. He has twenty or so members of his Ukrainian choir who can entertain visitors for more than an hour with vigorous and lively Ukrainian folksongs and the poignant and stirring liturgical music of the Ukrainian church. All this is done with no words or music in evidence, for, lacking the resources for supplies of music, the master had taught by memory the well-loved music of their homeland.

If we could sit and listen, our guide might tell us a bit of the story of a few of the singers. "That young man," says he, "has T.B. and has no hope of getting out of here, and the young girl beside him is held here by ailing parents who will never be able to pass health requirements either for work or migration." We then would see young people and old singing together for the sheer love of making music, and in their singing their burdens lifted and their despair forgotten.

Augustdorf is sheer heartache, but it is the happiest heartache in Germany. There are few places where so much of frustration is concentrated in a single area, but there are few communities where frustration is so completely defeated by creative effort and determined cheerfulness. That which began tentatively and experimentally six months ago has so proved itself already that it might well become a working pattern not only for a refugee community but wherever men live and toil and struggle to be free.

This family of blind Indulis Poruks unpacks a food package from Church World Service in America. Mr. Poruks has learned to use a typewriter at the self-help project, hopes to support his family by writing stories in German, Latvian and French.

An old, old story

"Youth should be our most important concern!" When a high-ranking officer of the USAF fired that first-round statement, I reached for my pencil.

The speaker was Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Air Force. He was speaking to the delegates of the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

"It's an old, old story"—this matter of the church sticking close to its youth whenever they go," admitted Chaplain Carpenter, "but it's a story that has to be repeated!"

That "old, old story (which has been reported on this page before) is the church's responsibility to its youth in the armed forces." I can still sense the accuracy as he fired his second round of ammunition: "Ladies and gentlemen, it is not a matter of whether we shall have war or peace; these young men and women are in the military now! The problem is theirs today! And it's the church's responsibility to face up to their problem."

Problem no. one is this: "Many of these youth are not ready to face the environment into which they are thrown. U. S. service men and women are stationed in 50 countries of the world. We've been dumping into foreign lands ill-prepared youth who sometimes tear down what missionaries and others have built up."

The leisure time of service personnel gives chaplains an undue amount of concern. Laying the facts on the dotted line, General Carpenter confessed, "We've never learned the solution of why a young person will leave a first-class recreation center to spend his spare time in a dirty joint. You say it's human nature. Maybe it is, but we've got to point out that something can still be good and clean even though it is not unusual!"

He hit at the indifference of the public toward service personnel, "There's a 'welcome mat' in front of every joint in town. However, such is not the case when you turn to many churches and homes in the communities located near military bases. As a result, they go where they are welcome!"

He reminded his listeners that the church had better be awake when these young people are discharged. They must be welcomed back into the church when their tour of duty is done."

No doubt, you remembered the service men and women from your congregation with a greeting—or a package—at Christmas; but what's your contact-score since Christmas? (It's a long time between Christmases for a 19-year-old who is away from home!)

—Clatter by Conrad, Jr.
in Luther Life

VIEWS

An Easter Thought

Tom Little, Nashville Tennessean

Thinking out the news

The Matusow Story

A young man named Harvey Matusow kicked up quite a stir, according to the newspapers, by admitting he gave some false testimony.

A good many people give false testimony at one time or another, but Harvey Matusow's case is unusually interesting because he is one of the "professional" ex-Communists on whom both the Department of Justice and the Un-American Activities Committee have depended very heavily.

The case becomes doubly interesting when we remember (if the radio report we heard was accurate) that Matusow was one whose testimony helped build the perjury case against Owen Lattimore. (Some of the main counts against Lattimore were thrown out by the judge in a preliminary hearing last year.)

Nelson

Just about the time the news about Matusow's book of confessions hit the news columns, we also picked up the February issue of the *Progressive*, which, in W. H. Baldinger's "Witness for Hire," discussed doubts about the testimony of "professional" ex-Communists in general—including Matusow.

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, pointed out Baldinger, once testified under oath before the Subversive Activities Control Board that Matusow had come to see him and admitted things similar to what he now says in his book: that he "said he had lied again and again" in hearings; that "one fabrication led to another;" and that he admitted getting "a certain thrill in these revelations."

One answer given to Matusow's recent admission was startling. Matusow, it was reasoned, has been a Communist all along and still is one now. He gave false testimony on purpose so he could repudiate it later. Or maybe that wasn't it. Maybe he gave true testimony at first so he could repudiate it later . . .?

Concern Feature

Well, take it either way ladies and gentlemen, Harvey Matusow, whether a Communist, an ex-Communist, or just a Tall-Story Teller, evidently is not the sort of person the government can depend on to make its cases. And yet, the government *did* depend on him.

This situation, to put it briefly, is a mess. It will certainly be interesting (don't see how we can *avoid* overworking that word) to see what happens next.

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.

Reid says

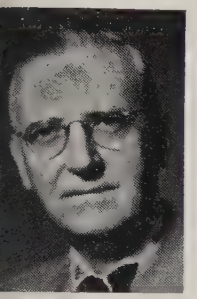
Fifth freedom: from liquor ads

I am quite willing to go along with the medical men and the scientists who tell us that the man who drinks alcoholic beverages is a sick man, and that *alcoholism is a disease*. I have no more desire to send a drunkard to jail than I have to send a debtor there. The hospital—or whatever other place is necessary to cure the sick man—is where he should be.

But I would also say to the doctor and the scientist that their job is more basic than just to cure a victim of alcoholism. When the U. S. Army found the cause of yellow fever in Cuba and Panama, it didn't stop with hospitalizing the victims. It went into the swamps and at a cost of millions of dollars cleaned out the disease-carrying insect. So with malaria, and tuberculosis, and sleeping sickness, and leprosy, and heart-trouble, and a host of other challenges to human health

and well-being: the victims are cared for medically, yes; but the never-ending quest of science is to isolate the cause and destroy it.

We know the cause of alcoholism. We know how to eradicate it. But we seem to think we have made sufficient progress if we substitute the hospital for the jail. The manufacturer of the liquor that produces the disease in a man (and that corrodes all society) has the protection of the government.



Reid

A share of the disease-blood-money taken by the seller of alcoholic liquors goes to the government as taxes—though the disease, as it works its way through society, costs the American public many times the tax return. What other disease-producing agent is this protected? And why this one?...

The National Grange reported recently that while America's population of young and of old (normal drinkers of milk, "one of the best foods nutritionally") is increasing, the per capita consumption of milk has been decreasing. In New York State, for example, it has declined 17% in ten years. Seven other nations consume more milk per capita than does America. At the same time, the economic ability to purchase "what the consumer wants" has been mounting in the U.S.A.

Says the Grange, in one of the year's understatements, "It has become increasingly evident that the modern American economy is based to a large degree on *created* human wants, rather than the satisfaction of basic needs and necessities." It is pointed out that dairymen have been busy with production; while the advertising "art" has helped to fill the human stomach with cake, pop, orange juice and beer until there's practically no room left for milk."

Concern feature

Well, a number of advertising media have done a good job in *creating wants* for alcohol among Americans recently. For nine months of 1954, beer and wine producers paid TV stations $5,113,018 to create thirst among our families; they paid $2,499,890 to radio stations. This was a combined increase of almost 50% over the same period the previous year. Add to this the many more millions spent in newspapers, magazines, billboards on all forms of liquor: a grand total of more than $250,000,000 a year to invade your family and home—and mine. Did it pay? Alcoholic beverage sales totalled almost ten billion dollars in 1953 ($9,885,000,000 is the Department of Commerce estimate). What chance has milk against the *want* this advertising creates?

Author Upton Sinclair, roused by the inroads of alcohol among some of the nation's great, is urging churches to renew their fight against this evil. Says he: "To me religion is as religion does, and the combatting of alcoholism is an act of worship."

The combatting of alcoholism is also the professional duty of the physician and the scientist—and of the churchman.

Books of Concern

We Grew Up in America

Here is a volume of success stories, all fascinating and mostly easy to read. Alice Hazeltine has compiled the first-person stories of 24 people who have become well-known in recent years.

These stories are about youth and adolescent experiences of Babe Ruth, Grandma Moses, Jesse Stuart, Fiorello La Guardia, Charles Lindbergh, William O. Douglas, Rufus M. Jones, and others. They came from all sections of the country and chose many different vocations. You will enjoy seeing how youthful days were the foundations for great things to come.

We Grew Up in America is published by Abingdon Press at $2.95.

About Myself

Those who read the MYF's Lenten book for 1954, Nevin Harner's *I Believe*, will be glad to know that another of Dr. Harner's books for youth has been reprinted in a 35¢ edition. This book is *About Myself*, first published in 1950 and now reprinted by Christian Education Press in an attractive and readable format very similar to the MYF Lenten reading books. When you order, be sure to ask for the new 35¢ edition of *About Myself*.

Deadline nears for high school work camp

Many inquiries and a few applications have been received for the National Methodist Senior High Work Camp to be held June 28—July 26 at the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico.

All applications must be in by May 1. By May 15 the ten work campers and two alternates will be chosen from among these who have applied.

Rev. Joseph W. Bell, member of the Youth Department staff in Nashville, has recently visited the school to make detailed arrangements for the work camp. He reports great interest in the project there and fine cooperation from the staff of the school. W. A. Bass is superintendent of the school, and Rev. Robert Brooks, minister there and teacher of the Bible, is helping greatly with local arrangements. Brooks says that several Navajo youth will take part in the work camp.

Bell

Applicants must be at least 16 years old, have completed the sophomore year in high school (June, 1955 graduates are eligible), and be otherwise qualified for the work camp by virtue of interest, certain abilities, good health, and active participation in the youth program of the church. Work campers will live in the school dining room. Each camper will be responsible for his own transportation to and from the camp, and will pay an activity fee of $25 to cover insurance, educational and sight-seeing trips, literature, and so forth.

Projects for the work camp will include work on the farm and in the garden, canning vegetables and fruits, and repair and maintenance work at the school at Farmington and possibly at Bisti, the outpost school on the reservation.

Camp directors will be Rev. and Mrs. Joe Bell. Members of the Farmington school staff will supervise the work projects and assist in dormitory counseling.

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Inquiries and applications should b mailed immediately to Bell at th Youth Department, Box 871, Nashvill 2.

Family week comes in May

During the first week in May thous ands of homes and churches through out the country will be observing Na tional Family Week.

Theme this year: "Open Your Hom to God."

Families can open their homes t God in many ways, according to a pro motional leaflet being distributed b the Department of the Christian Fam ily of the Methodist Board of Educa tion. Some of these ways are:

As a means of God's service—by in viting lonely people into the famil fellowship, for instance.

As a place for God's worship—b family prayer and grace at meals.

Through family fellowship — as i reaches out to include friends an neighbors.

In Christian growth—"God is in th growth of family life and of famil members."

National Family Week includes bot Children's Day and Mother's Day which are observed the first and secon Sundays in May.

New catalog out on summer service

Methodists have learned to use an keep handy the annual edition o "Methodist Service Projects," whic lists current needs of the church fo short-term and life service. Man Methodists have learned to use and de pend on an interdenominational cata log of summer service projects, "Inves Your Summer."

This 32-page booklet lists all kind of service projects sponsored by man agencies, most of which are not liste in the Methodist booklet.

Order the 1955 "Invest Your Sum mer" at 25¢ a copy from the Unite Christian Youth Movement, 79 Eas Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill.

raveling fellowships weep across Georgia

News has just reached the CONCERN ffice that the Traveling Fellowship ıovement is sweeping across the orth Georgia Conference with re- ıarkable results. Going out in teams f four youth and adult workers with outh, they visit in every local church ı a district and then move on to a new istrict.

Charles Frazier, president of the orth Georgia Conference MYF, re- orts: "Last weekend about 50 young eople and adults of the North Georgia onference visited 60 local churches in ıe Rome District and discussed with ıe youth and adults the youth pro- ram of their church. These teams eached over 600 young people and 300 dults in small, effective discussion and ork groups in every local church.

"This was the fourth 'Traveling ellowship' that has been held in our onference. Three have been district- ide and one has been subdistrict-wide. ı these Traveling Fellowships we have een able to reach directly over 3000 outh and adults in almost 200 local hurch situations. Through church serv- es we have been able to reach at least nother 3000 people and stimulate them ɔ evaluate the youth program of their hurch and strive to make it more ffective.

Amazed at Results

"We have been amazed at the re- ults of these Traveling Fellowships! hey have accomplished more than we ver dreamed they could, and interest ı them has steadily increased. The ther seven districts of our conference re all anxiously awaiting the TF. We tarted this as an experiment, but we re now laying plans to cover the en- ire conference next fall. We sincerely eel that this will revolutionize youth ork in our conference!"

Commenting on the Traveling Fel- owship, Bill Cole, Director of Youth ork for the North Georgia Conference, eports: "Our Traveling Fellowship rogram in North Georgia is really de- eloping into one of the finest things e have ever done. In essence it is aking every local MYF group a real art of the conference program. I wish knew right now exactly how many ew fellowships have been organized,

MYF in action

and how many 'dead' ones have been re-activated. One team alone last week- end organized three brand new MYF's."

Recruitment rallies reach Florida youth

Thirteen youth rallies . . . twenty- seven hundred miles of travel in four- teen days . . . scores of young people making life decisions at the altar of the church each evening, is a part of the story of the annual Recruitment Rallies for the Florida Conference which were held throughout the state from March 14-26.

This year the rallies featured speeches by Rev. Jack Eppes, executive secretary of the United Florida Drys and Rev. Harold Ewing, director of youth work of the General Board of Education. Warren Willis, conference director of youth work, and officers of the Florida Conference youth Council made up the team of six or seven who visited each of the thirteen rallies. The purpose of the rallies was to acquaint the young people and the adult workers with the developments of the confer- ence and general church program of the MYF, to give them the opportunity to secure resource and guidance ma- terials and to provide, through the in- spirational service, an opportunity for young people to make a dedication to Christ and a commitment of their vo- cation to the church.

Cover the State

The team traveled the twenty-seven hundred miles throughout Florida in Warren Willis' station wagon followed by the conference MYF trailer, which is whimsically called "P.S." Rallies were held in Coral Gables, Key West, Lake Worth, Vero Beach, Orlando, Fort Meyers, Tampa, Wauchula, Lakeland, Ocala, Quincy, Live Oak and Jackson- ville.

In each of the rallies the evening began with a sandwich supper. Harold Ewing is reported to have said, "I never ate so many sandwiches in my life! I didn't realize how many kinds of sandwiches there are. Now take egg sandwiches: There's boiled egg, fried

egg, egg and olive, egg salad and deviled egg. And ham: fried ham, boiled ham, baked ham, ham and cheese, ham and lettuce, minced ham, spiced ham, ham loaf, deviled ham and Spam." Ewing was certainly surprised when he found that in Florida they even have pineapple sandwiches. He was overheard to say as he left Florida, "Florida certainly has good sandwiches!"

Jack Eppes made a strong contribution to the rallies in a stirring talk on the scientific grounds for total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. At every rally his message was well received. The concluding worship service was under the theme "Still He Calls—Follow Thou Me." At the conclusion of Mr. Ewing's sermon the opportunity was given for young people to make first decision for Christ and to make a commitment for vocational service through the church.

Caravans call youth to serve

Within a few weeks 264 youth and 46 adults will begin a "summer of a lifetime" in volunteer service through Methodist Youth Caravans. Forty teams will serve in 240 churches in 40 conferences throughout the United States while four teams will serve in Cuba, one team in Hawaii and two specialized drama caravan teams will serve in various districts and subdistricts throughout the Southeastern and North Central jurisdictions.

Harold Ewing, chairman of the caravan committee reports, "The interest in caravaning this year has been so intense that a number of requests from annual conferences for the service of a Caravan team will be held as "backlog" and at the moment it looks as though they will have to postpone having a Caravan team until next year."

Dr. Harvey Brown, a member of the Caravan committee and staff member of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the General Board of Education, says "While the applications from students to serve on Caravan teams is the largest in recent years there is still need for additional qualified volunteers." He added, "We still need a number of students with two years of college training (or its equivalent) who will give their summer in volunteer service, helping young people in local churches to find ways of Christian Witness and to help them lift the level of the program of the MYF in the local church." Application blanks are available from student workers on college campuses or from Dr. Brown. Applications should be sent to Harvey Brown, Box 871, Nashville, at the earliest possible moment.

The Caravan training centers are scheduled for Scarritt College for Christian workers, Nashville, Tenn., June 14-24; Southwestern College, Winfield, Kan., June 14-24; Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 21-July 1; Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, June 28-July 8; Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas, Cuba, June 30-July 10.

Ewing indicates "that there is a need for a number of qualified adults to serve as counselors on Caravan teams. There is a particular need for mature adult workers, at least 28 years of age, to work with the Caravan team with particular responsibility for helping to train adult workers with youth in the local church. They may be a former caravaner, school teacher or a worker in the local church who would like to serve as a counselor on a Caravan team this summer. If you would like to serve in this capacity contact the executive secretary of your annual conference or write directly to Harold W. Ewing, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Work Camps Need Men

Brown also reports that there is a number of openings for qualified men college students in the Work Camps sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement. Commenting on the Work Camps, Mr. Brown says, "There are a number of openings in the Mexico Work Camp (June 22-August 14) and a few in the other work camps. It is important to get the applications in as soon as possible."

Additional information may be secured from the student worker on your campus, from Methodist Service Projects or directly from Harvey Brown, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

ndiana students onsider citizenship

When 200 students from eleven Indi-na colleges and universities came to-ether for the annual Indiana Method-t Student Movement conference March 8-20, the big topic they tackled was Responsibilities of a Christian citizen -intellectually, socially and morally."

With the host school, Evansville Col-ge, Evansville, providing the atmos-here, food and housing necessary to ne conference, representatives had mple time to go through the soul-earching experience of platform ad-resses by Dr. Paul L. Holmer, associ-te professor of philosophy at the Uni-ersity of Minnesota, and the follow-up iscussions.

Result was—after much head-shak-ng, deep thinking, and inner search-ng—agreement that the Christian's re-ponsibilities in these three areas are ig ones, requiring much more Chris-an action on the part of college stu-ents than is often realized or at-empted.

Climaxing the week-end program was communion-dramatic worship service n Saturday night in the modern and eautiful sanctuary of Evansville's new Iethodist Temple.

As with all conferences, speakers ere plentiful. Conference-goers heard r. Frank Greer of Trinity church, vansville, at a Saturday night ban-uet; Dr. E. M. McKown, dean of vansville College at a Sunday morn-ng breakfast, and Dr. Melvin Hyde, ew president of the college, at the unday morning worship service. In ad-ition, worship meditations were pre-ented by MSM groups from Roberts ark church in Indianapolis, Ball State eachers College, and DePauw Univer-ity, whose dramatic worship service ade use of the dance as a form of art worship.

Officers Elected

In the line of business and confer-nce elected Don Griffith, Evansville ollege senior and pre-ministerial stu-ent, as president of the coming year. ther executive officers are Merle Alls-ouse, vice president, from DePauw; oAnn Albrecht, secretary, Taylor Uni-ersity; and Bob McCutchan, treasurer, rom Purdue University. Rev. William Orr, director of the Indiana University Wesley Foundation, was re-elected to his post as state WSM director.

Business wasn't over, however, until the conference had voted to send its communion service offering to the World's Student Christian Federation study chalet project in Australia.

MSM in action

These officers presided over and directed the Kansas MSM's state conference held March 18-20 at Kansas Wesleyan College in Salina. They are (top row, then coming down) Elva Tice, Jeanne Spencer, Alyce Ajifu, Joe Cantril, Wanda Sammons (new president of the state movement), Jean Marie Powell, Marguerite Schriver (state MSM director) and Bill Preston (outgoing state president).

Kansas MSM meets

With the theme "It's Your Life!" 115 students from eight Kansas colleges met March 18-20. Platform speaker was Jameson Jones of the Nashville staff. Excellent feature of the conference was a series of discussion groups on the theme, all of which were high in interest and student participation.

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Write your Conference Director of Youth Work, or Executive Secretary, or state MSM Director for a Convocation registration blank TODAY, or to National Convocation of Methodist Youth, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

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